for all States/UTs. In addition to the above, Government releases about one lakh tonnes per annum as festival quota for the entire country.

(b) With carry-over stocks of 21.93 lakh tonnes of sugar as on 1-10-1994, imported sugar received during October-December 94, together with the estimated production of sugar of about 133 lakh tonnes during the current season 1994-95 and forward contracts already entered into of 4.05 lakh tonnes for the import of sugar by STC and MMTC for the Public Distribution System, there will be sufficient availability of levy sugar to meet the requirements of the Public Distribution System.

Sugar Mills in the country

6787 SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of sugar mills functioning in the country state-wise at present in Public Co-operative and in private sector and how many sugar factories are to Gujarat State;

(b) whether Government propose to set up more sugar mills in view of the large cultivation of sugarcane in different states, specially in Gujarat state;

(c) if so, what are the location wise details thereof;

(d) how many proposals have been sent by the Gujarat state to open new sugar mills till December, 1994 and also received from the other states;

(e) how many proposals have been cleared and how many are still with Government; and

(f) by when these remaining proposals would be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) During the current sugar season 1994-95 (October—September) upto 7.5.1995, 407 sugar mills had undertaken crushing operations in the country, the State-wise and sector wise details of which are given the enclosed Statement-I. (*See* below)

(b) and (c) The Union Government does not set up sugar mills in any part of the country. It, however, grants letters of intent/Industrial licences in accordance with the licensing policy guidelines for setting up of new sugar mills.

(d) and (e) Till 31-12-1994, 931 proposals for setting up of new sugar factories in various States of the country, were received through the Department of Industrial Development of the Ministry of Industry.

A statement-II showing the State-wise number of proposals received number of proposals considered, letters of intent issued and number of proposals pending consideration is enclosed. (*See* below)

(f) It is not possible at present to specify any time frame in this regard.

Statement I

State-wise & sector wise number of sugar factories which have undertaken crushing operations during the current sugar season 1994-95, *(upto* 7-5-95) *in the country.*

S. No.	State	Public	Private	Coopera-tive	Total
1	Punjab	..	6	15	21
2	Haryana	..	1	10	11
3	Rajasthan	1	1	1	3

1	2	3	4	5	6
4	Uttar Pradesh	34	44	31	109
5	Madhya Pradesh	1	5	3	9
6	Gujarat	..	..	16	16
7	Maharashtra	..	4	103	107
8	Bihar	7	11	..	18
9	Assam	..	1	1	2
10	Orissa	..	3	4	7
11	West Bengal	1	1	..	2
12	Andhra Pradesh	6	13	16	35
13	Karnataka	3	10	17	30
14	Tamil Nadu	3	14	15	32
15	Pondicherry	..	1	1	2
16	Kerala	..	1	1	2
17	Goa	..	..	1	1
	TOTAL	56	116	235	407

Statement-II

State-wise Position of Proposals received, considered and letters of intent issued for setting up of New Sugar Mills as well as the number of proposals still pending for consideration (as on 31-12-1994).

Sl. No.	Name of State	No. of Proposals Received	No. of Proposals considered by the screening committee	No. of Letters of Intent issued	No. of Proposals Still pending for considerations
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Uttar Pradesh	345	274	25	71
2	Maharashtra	241	225	17	16
3	Gujarat	13	13	2	..
4	Bihar	27	27	1	..
5	Haryana	18	18	4	..
6	Punjab	34	30	..	4

1	2	3	4	5	6
7	Andhra Pradesh	98	97	15	1
8	Karnataka	67	60	5	7
9	Tamil Nadu	47	41	2	6
10	Madhya Pradesh	24	14	2	10
11	Rajasthan	2	2	..	..
12	Orissa	8	7	1	1
13	Kerala	1	1	..	..
14	Himachal Pradesh	2	1	..	1
15	Assam	2	2	..	..
16	Arunachal Pradesh	1	1	..	..
17	Nagaland	1		.	1
	TOTAL	931	813	74	118

Special scheme to be launched by FCI

6788. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the news item capationed "centre directs FCI to launch special scheme" as reported in 'Hindu' dated 7th March, 1995;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the likely impact thereof on wheat production?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Final decision to lanch such a scheme has not been taken so far.

Criteria for Fixation of Levy Sugar Quota

6789. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the basis on which the State quota of levy sugar is fixed;

(b) the total quantum of levy sugar allotted to the State of Orissa for Public Distribution System during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) whether there is a growing demand for enhancing of levy sugar quota for Orissa;

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to enhance the levy sugar quota during 1995-96; and

(e) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) and (b) Under the present policy of partial control, monthly allocation of levy sugar to most of the States/Union Territories is being made on the basis of uniform norms of ensuring minimum 425 gms. per capita monthly availability for the projected population as on 1.10.1986. These norms are effective from 1.2.1987. However, allocation of levy sugar at higher